

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3848 - HB 3481**

January 31, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that children starting pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) be four on September 1<sup>st</sup> the year they begin Pre-K and five by September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year they enter kindergarten. Current law requires that children be four and five by September 30 of the year they begin Pre-K or kindergarten.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures – \$21,113,400/One-Time/FY09-10**

**Decrease Local Government Expenditures - \$12,476,100/OneTime/  
FY09-10**

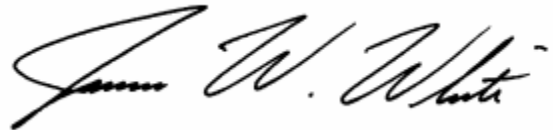
#### **Assumptions:**

- In the 2008-09 school year, there would be a one-time reduction in the number of children enrolling in kindergarten. Children with birthdays in September would enroll the next year. The state and local education agencies would have a decrease in enrollment the first year. The BEP generates funds based on prior year enrollment. The state and LEAs would have a one-time decrease in expenditures in the 2009-2010 school year. The funds generated by the BEP take a year to match the prior year's attendance.
- Approximately, 76,780 children entered kindergarten in 2006-2007. One twelfth of 76,780 or 6,398 children would be affected.
- The average state BEP per pupil expenditure for 2006-2007 was approximately \$3,300 and the average local match was approximately \$1,950.
- Total one-time savings for state government would be approximately \$21,113,400 (6,398 pupils x \$3,300 = \$21,113,400).
- Total one-time savings for local government would be approximately \$12,476,100 (6,398 pupils x \$1,950 = \$12,476,100).
- The fiscal impact to state and local governments is estimated to be approximately \$33,589,500.

- According to the Comptroller, Pre-K costs would remain constant because the waiting list is greater than the decrease in students the first year. Pre-K is not funded through the BEP. The date change would result in 1,408 fewer students eligible for Pre-K in 2008-2009; however the waiting list is over 2,000 children.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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